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The right touch

Nine-month-old Ava Scheffee gets an up-close view of the Stanley Cup on Feb. 4 at the Haliburton Legion.

Scheffee was just one of many hockey fans who came out to see the cup during a meet-the-troops event which was part of the Scotty Morrison Charity Hockey Tournament, held from Feb. 3 to 5.

In support of Community Care Haliburton County, the tournament brought 45 troops into the county from CFB Borden and CFB Petewawa and included an exhibition hockey game between the two groups. The cup was also in the county all weekend, making several appearances thanks to the Hockey Hall of Fame. More on page 17.

Angelica Blenich Staff

New condo files plans with town

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

Granite Cove may soon have a sister.
A new condominium development is being planned for Haliburton Village by the develop-

ers responsible for the building currently being constructed on Head Lake.

Granite View will be three storeys tall, will include 24 units and will be located on the corner of Mountain Street and Lake Avenue.

Developers are in the process of applying for an amendment to the zoning by-law from coun-

cil, which is required before the project can move forward.

The lot being proposed is classified as a Residential Type 1. If amended to accommodate the condominium it will be classified as a Residential Type 3.

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Frost Fest coming up

Riley Maracle
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Looking for something cool to do on the Family Day long weekend?

The Municipality of Dysart is hosting it's fourth annual Frost Festival in Head Lake Park on Feb. 18.

The day will begin with a hot pancake breakfast at the Haliburton Legion which is put on by the Haliburton Lions Club, for \$5 you can get warmed up for the big day ahead.

The breakfast will be followed up with many different activities that will take place over the course of the day including snowshoe relays with Camp Wanakita from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., kids' pony rides' with South Algonquin Trails 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., horse drawn wagon rides by Harry Hutchings from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., kids dogsledding with Winter Dance Tours at 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. just to name a few.

The day will end with the roast beef dinner at the United Church; the cost is \$12.50 and children six and under get in free.

All of the events are free except the pancake breakfast and the roast beef dinner.

The volunteers of the Frost Festival remind people who plan on attending to dress accordingly.

Money from the breakfast is going to the Haliburton Lions Club and the money from the roast beef dinner will go to the church.

Also the Frost Fest Ambassador will be selected. To be selected as an ambassador you must be someone who has volunteered in the community for over a year. The winner is selected by a random draw and will receive free pancake breakfast at the Haliburton Legion as well as free roast beef dinner at the United Church on the day of Frost Fest, a gift basket which is put together by the Rexall in Haliburton, and \$500 worth of ads on the Canoe FM for a charity of their choice. The Frost Fest ambassador is also expected to be a representative for Dysart for the day, he or she will meet and greet people. They will also be wearing the sash as well as the official Frost Festival Ambassador hat and coat.

You can nominate someone by going to www.frostfest.ca and filling out a form, you can also phone the municipality or go to the municipal building and pick up a form to fill out.

The deadline is Feb. 10.

The Highlands Weekender

February 9, 2012

Lady Isadora launches Halistoria

The Costume and Dead Poets Society Present: Lady Isadora launches Halistoria. Lady Isadora will bring new mythic characters to the Dominion on February 11 at 8 p.m. to celebrate Valentine's Day and launch Halistoria. She will lead the audience through the process of bringing them fully alive. Time and Time will go to the side of our mythic history. Halistoria! Once alive, they will begin to share our tale on the landscape in the summer of 2012. Help create the lovely Time and the not-so-lovely Time. Halistoria is supported by the Haliburton County Development Corporation and Arts Alive Minden.

10 minutes of fame

A costume who identified herself simply as Cyrene performed as Lady Isadora during last year's Dead Poet's Day at the Dominion Hotel.

Chad Ingram Staff

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- Rocking biographies
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Documentary opens in Haliburton

*Haliburton FRESH at Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion on Feb. 23 at 5:30 p.m.
Movie to start at 6:30 p.m.*

Haliburton Fresh in partnership with Abbey Gardens, the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit, Haliburton Highlands Local Food Coalition, the Minden Food Bank, and Those Other Movies is proud to announce a free local community screening of *Fresh*, a feature documentary film by Ana Sofia Joanes that celebrates the food architects around the United States who are boldly reinventing our food system with sustainable agriculture initiatives.

Fresh will screen in Haliburton at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion on Feb. 23, at 6:30 p.m. Investigate a new way of looking at food by joining food champions of Haliburton County for an evening of awareness about the local food movement. Local businesses and organizations will be on hand from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. with information on their products and their role in the community. Find out how you can get involved in local food initiatives in Haliburton County.

This event is free, however, donations of non-perishable food items would be greatly appreciated and will be distributed to local food banks.

About the Film

Fresh is a reflection of a rising movement of people and communities across America who are re-inventing our food system. *Fresh* celebrates the food architects who offer a practical vision of a new food paradigm and consumer access to it. Encouraging individuals to take matters into their own hands, *Fresh* is a guide that empowers people to take an array of actions as energetic as planting urban gardens and creating warm composts from food waste, and as simple as buying locally-grown products and preserving or freezing seasonal produce to eat later in the year.

Throughout the film, we encounter the most inspiring people, ideas, and initiatives happening around the country right now. At the Growing Power urban farm in Milwaukee, Will Allen is turning three acres of industrial wasteland into a mecca of nutrition for his neighbourhood. In Kansas City, we witness David Ball revitalize his community, turning the modern concept of the Supermarket on its head by stocking his Good Nured Family Farm stores with produce from a



Ana Sofia Joanes created the film *Fresh*. / Photo by Dustin Meyer Photography cooperative of local farmers. And, we journey to Joel Salatin's farm in Virginia's Shenandoah Valley to witness his methods for closing the nutrient cycle, allowing cows, chickens, pigs and natural grasses to flourish and produce without ever an ounce of chemical fertilizer or industrial animal feed.

Fresh tells the stories of real people, connecting audiences not with facts and figures or apocalyptic policy analysis, but with examples of personal initiative and concrete ways to engage in a new food model.

For more information contact Janine Papadopoulos from Abbey Gardens at 705-754-0888 or Rosie Kadwell from Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit at 705-457-1391 ext. 238.

Highlands East man charged with failing to yield to traffic

A 70-year-old man from Highlands East was charged by Bancroft OPP Sunday, Jan. 29 after his Ford car hit a GMC

SUV on Highway 118.

The 77-year-old driver of the other car was from Quinte West and was uninjured in the collision.

Police charged the Highlands East man with failing to yield to traffic. He was uninjured in the mishap.

Woman uninjured in accident

A 54-year-old woman from Toronto is OK after her car went into the ditch Friday, Jan. 27.

Bancroft police responded to the call on Highway 28 in Highlands East, finding the woman in her Hyundai.

No charges were laid.

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Hero needed for this year's Terry Fox Run

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

This year's Terry Fox Run for Haliburton Village needs a hero.

Named after the young Canadian who became a hero and inspired millions, resulted in more than 9,000 Terry Fox Runs held all over the world, contributing to 1,180 cancer research projects.

Aggie Tose, who never calls herself a hero, was one of those millions who followed through to do her part in keeping Fox's legacy alive.

She has worked tirelessly without accolade, carrying on Fox's dream for 18 years (seven years as the main organizer and assistant for 11 years).

Now Tose is stepping away from the event due to time constraints. (She's focusing on the Canadian Cancer Society Relay for Life, which will be hers alone to chair, as Mike Iles has stepped down as co-chair.)

"It's always hard to let something go, but something has to go," she said.

Tose believes anyone with an interest in the community and some knowledge of organizing would be the best candidate to lead this event.

The organizer communicates with the municipality and the Ontario Provincial Police for permission and support of the event, including the solicitation of additional volunteers.

Marketing the event, which precludes paid advertising, as the Terry Fox Foundation does not allow it, is another duty of the organizer.

There is a dedicated team of volunteers who can be relied on for guidance.

Tose is proud to have been part of the effort that raised \$116,200, including \$3,425 last year.

She hesitated to speak about the following year, hoping that someone will step forward.

This leadership opportunity is great even for a person with relatively little

experience organizing events, she said.

"This is a good one. It can be as big or as small as it has to be," she said, adding there are no minimum age requirements.

Technically, she said, there isn't a deadline for a candidate to step forward, but one would be encouraged to do so before May.

Tose said the foundation offers a training session for all of its organizers, putting them up in Toronto for the May 26 evening.

The session, which starts Friday evening and ends before Saturday night, provides organizers with information on the logistics and marketing necessary to running the Terry Fox Run.

Former event organizer for 11 years Andy Salvatori (with assistance from Tose all of those years), will be saddened if the event ends.

"It would be too bad if we didn't have it because we were one of the first sites to sign up to do this Terry Fox Run originally," said Salvatori, who was motivated to organize the event by the loss of his mother, father-in-law, grandmother and grandfather to cancer.

He adds Haliburton was among the first registered sites, as it was the 12th out of thousands when it started in 1982. Organizing this event is fairly simple, as it doesn't include anything other than the run.

"But, you know what? Things always change, right? Things never stay the same so maybe someone will come forward. I hope they do. It's for a great cause," he said. "Everybody is connected to cancer one way or another."

Anyone interested in assuming the title position can call Aggie Tose at 705-457-6901.

Also, for information related to the event check the Terry Fox website at www.terryfox.org.



Darren Lum Staff

Last year's Terry Fox Run event organizer Aggie Tose inspired the 70 participants, two of which came from Perth, Australia, at the start of the 29th Haliburton installment on Sunday, Sept. 18. Tose has stepped down from the leadership role.

Schools receive thousands in grant money

Schools from across the county will receive thousands of dollars in grant money to run student engagement programming.

The Trillium Lakelands District School Board announced this year's Speak Up grant recipients in a press release Feb. 1.

Minden's Archie Stouffer Elementary School will be receiving \$1,000 for its anti-bullying kids presentation; J.D. Hodgson Elementary School got \$1,000 for its Bridge to Friendship Day; and Haliburton high school was given \$1,000 for the Gay-Straight Alliance and another \$1,000 for

the HHSS Improv Team.

Students applied for the grants from the Ministry of Education.

Another 16 schools were given money for everything from fitness classes and math programs to an environmental film festival.

"Student engagement is one of our key priorities at Trillium Lakelands," said director of education, Larry Hope.

"I am pleased to see such a variety of ideas generated by students. It will be exciting to watch these projects being implemented in our schools."

Highlands East firefighters save man's life

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

It took five tries but the end result was worth the effort. On Jan. 27, six Highlands East volunteer firefighters tended to a man found in Wilberforce with no vital signs. The unidentified individual was on the ground in front of a bank machine in Scotiabank, according to Highlands East fire chief Bill Wingrove.

After five shocks with a defibrillator firefighters were successful in reviving the victim. The man was taken to Haliburton hospital by ambulance and later transferred to a hospital in Toronto, said Wingrove. Last he heard, the patient was still in hospital but was in stable condition. "We had him breathing by the time the ambulance got there. He wasn't conscious but he had a heart beat and he was breathing," said Wingrove.

The incident occurred at exactly 10:30 a.m., when a bank employee called 911, said Wingrove. The fire chief said the man, who was believed to be in his 50s, could have suffered a heart attack. Wingrove is unsure how long the man was unconscious before firefighters arrived. This is the second time in more than 20 years Wingrove has had positive results using a defibrillator, saying in many VSA (vital signs absent) situations it is too late by the time fire personnel arrive on scene.

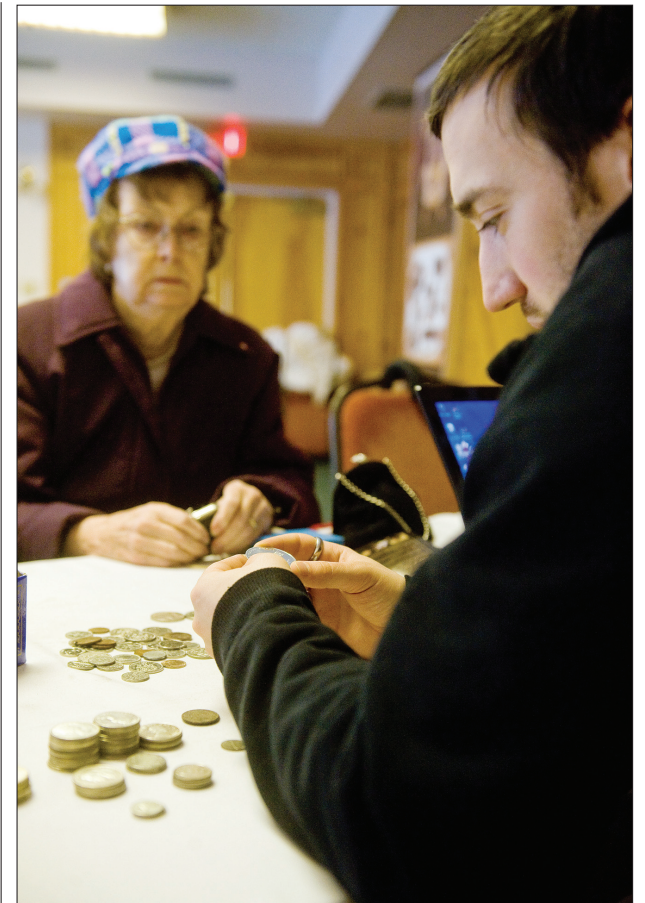
Peterborough hospital discusses its role

Jenn Watt
Editor

Coming off drastic cutbacks to balance its budget and radical restructuring, Peterborough Regional Health Centre top administrators came to Haliburton to discuss its role in regional health-care provision. The hospital, which is housed in a \$180 million building, is a hub for the "north east cluster" of this health region. CEO Ken Tremblay and chief of staff Peter McLaughlin told the board that for the past two years, they have battled not only financial problems (being \$100 million in debt), but culture problems including the perception they are Peterborough-centric and unresponsive to other hospitals' needs. "We were so busy pouring concrete [for the new building] for the better part of three years and planning for it for the better part of five years that perhaps some of our relationships waned," Tremblay said. In order to conform to government requirements, the hospital had to eliminate its deficit, cutting 10 per cent out

of its budget (\$27 million), requiring the elimination of 292 jobs. Now Tremblay is responsible for encouraging a culture that supports the health-care needs of people in Lindsay, Haliburton County, Northumberland, Campbellford and Peterborough County. The hope is that services offered in Peterborough will be better integrated into the communities the regional institution serves. "A year from now, our intent is that we will have for the region a full ... program for people who have a clot in a major vessel causing a heart attack, having the ambulances in the region bypassing the local hospital and going directly to the [catherization] lab in Peterborough," said McLaughlin. One of the institution's biggest problems - which affects Haliburton patients - is a lack of beds. "As fast as we opened beds and incurred the expense, they became ALC [alternate level of care] patients, which meant we spent the money, but didn't get the credit," Tremblay said. Despite provincial programs designed to keep ALC patients out of acute care beds, Tremblay told the board every day about 25 beds are used by those who should be cared for at home or in long-term-care facilities. Haliburton patients often use the Peterborough hospital for surgery and orthopedics, some trauma patients are sent there as are unstable heart attack patients, among others.

See more coverage of the meeting on page 5.




Coin show

Appraiser and buyer, Eric Van Deyl, with the Great Canadian Roadshow examines a coin when it was in Haliburton at the Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre from Jan. 24 to 28. Darren Lum Staff

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Health services budget balanced in 2012

Jenn Watt
Editor

The following are brief reports of items discussed at the Feb. 2 meeting of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services board.

HHHS CEO Rosebush reported that the budget would again this year be balanced. Firm numbers from the province are still to come for next year's budget.

"We've been asked to plan with a one-per-cent increase ... that means no change to any of our departments or services for next year," Rosebush said.

In his report on behalf of the finance committee, Nichol said HHHS is in good financial shape, but that under-funding of hospitals by the government would be an issue to deal with in coming years.

"The Ministry of Health is going to increase revenue by one per cent, salaries are going to go up 1.5 per cent ... supply will increase two per cent," he said.

"For 2013, we can make it work. 2014 we start to slip a little bit. 2015 we'll be over \$100,000 in deficit if nothing else changes. That's three years out." (Nichol's comments assumed a one per cent increase this year followed by two years with no increases.)

ER usage steady

In an update to the board, Rosebush said

that both the Haliburton and Minden hospitals were serving a normal number of patients.

At the end of the third quarter, about 22,000 people had gone through the facilities' emergency rooms.

With one quarter to go, that puts the ERs on track to meet last year's 27,000 mark.

"Those are normal patient volumes for HHHS. So, we're not seeing an increase, we're not seeing a decrease, we're seeing normal performance at both of our emergency rooms," Rosebush said of the last quarter's 6,000 ER visits.

Outbreak management applauded

Staff of HHHS contained two separate outbreaks over the holidays.

A respiratory outbreak at Hyland Crest in Minden and a Noro virus outbreak at the Haliburton hospital were both kept under control.

The Noro virus infected seven patients and four staff, but it never spread into the attached long-term-care wing, a credit to the staff, Rosebush said.

At Hyland Crest, the outbreak affected six residents, but no staff.

"I want to give all my staff a lot of praise for managing these outbreaks," Rosebush said.

Outbreaks are bound to happen in places people come when they're sick, Rosebush

said. The important thing is to limit the spread.

Board member Marnie Falkiner read about the outbreak online, and commended staff.

"I thought you guys did an amazing job controlling this ... you did a great job maintaining services and controlling the outbreak," she said.

Geothermal in its final stages

Heating and cooling systems installed at both HHHS buildings are nearly complete.

"I did pay a fuel bill recently, so I'm hoping I won't see another one of those again for some time," Rosebush said.

Finance committee chairperson Hugh Nichol said the new systems should allow for better budgeting, protecting the hospital from the peaks and valleys of fuel costs.

"Last year, in the last quarter, we lost \$50,000 ... in February/March, because of the spike in heating and oil price. \$50,000 in two months. One of the great things about geothermal ... it does take that risk factor out. We're not going to be subject to rising oil prices," he said.

Smoke free policy going smoothly

It's been one month since both Minden

and Haliburton hospitals instituted their smoke-free policy, restricting smoking on the entire property of both institutions.

There was some disagreement about how this would affect long-time smokers, both patients and staff, but Rosebush told the board there was very little pushback.

"We've done it, essentially, without incident and without adverse staff reaction," he said.

Grants for long-term care

Minden's Hyland Crest will be receiving \$30,000 and Haliburton's Highland Wood will get \$20,000 from the province for safety and quality upgrades.

Money will be used to install ceiling lifts in the few rooms that don't yet have them and improve lighting.

As an aside, Rosebush told the board the director of care position for the two long-term-care homes is still vacant, though some promising applications have come in.

Beth Archibald left the position in November.

There will be a formal gala for Hyland Crest on Feb. 17.

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Uncertain times

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It seems every government or public sector budget is either subject to painful cuts or, at the very least, restructuring to save money.

At the county table, hundreds of thousands of dollars are being removed to compensate for lack of provincial funding.

Highlands East council recently told its union it had little to give in the way of benefits or salary increases, times being as they are.

At the local health services board, things are a little brighter, but the mood remains the same.

While Haliburton Highlands Health Services is in excellent financial shape, expecting a surplus this year, investing in cost-saving geothermal heating and even hoping to expand palliative care services (with some creative staff management and fundraising), there is still worry about the future.

Finance committee chairman Hugh Nichol told the board Feb. 2 that if the province does not increase the HHHS budget modestly over the next three years, even the best financial planning could not save them from a \$100,000 deficit without service cuts.

His warning was based on the assumption that a one per cent increase would come this year, followed by two years of a zero per cent increase.

It is impossible to hold the line because staffing and operational costs rise at a rate of about two per cent a year.

At this point, any numbers are guesses, but it's clear that even a lack of funding growth could mean a cut to service.

Within all of this troubling speculation, there are some positive possibilities.

Investment in services outside of the hospital sector could relieve pressure and seem to be on the provincial government's



Jenn Watt
Editor

radar.

Board member Doug Gilpin informed his colleagues at Thursday's meeting that specialized seniors services were moving ahead at the Northumberland hospital, with the goal of keeping "frail elderly" out of the ERs across our region, being cared for at home or in other facilities.

Other programs, if funded fully by the government, could keep so-called "alternate level of care" patients out of the more expensive acute care beds, reducing cost.

But those require complete commitment and follow through.

Our hospital has been well managed and cared for over the past few years and its services continue to improve year over year with no substantial cost increases.

Losing even a small portion of the HHHS budget could cause major upset.



Driving West

photo by Darren Lum

Come on baby, lint my fire

RECENTLY, I READ a book on wilderness survival that proclaimed that dryer lint was a great material to have in a survival situation because it makes excellent tinder. This is a useful thing to know, should you ever find yourself hopelessly lost in a laundry mat.

This, I think is something that happens to most experienced outdoorsmen at one time or another. I know, I can honestly say that this was the most distressing 45 minutes of my life. And, believe me, that's saying a lot.

I'm not ashamed to admit that, somewhere between the spin and rinse cycle, I went through the gamut of human emotions before settling on object panic. Of course, the history of lost people has a proud tradition of this, so I don't feel so bad.

The Donner Party – that most famous American example of survival gone wrong – actually resorted to panic, just prior to cannibalism. I'm sad to say that, during my dark time in the laundry mat, I resorted to panic and then Golf Digest. I'll leave it to God to decide what's worse.

The point is, at times like this, you do uncharacteristic things; horrible, unspeakable acts that you are not proud of. But, if you happen to have a bit of dryer lint on you, things will turn out alright. I wish I had known that back then.

Look as someone who has started at least two fires with nothing but dryer lint and a full load of laundry, I can attest that this stuff works.

This, more than anything, is why I now insist that all those who travel with me in the outdoors carry six pounds of dryer lint or, failing that, a functioning dryer. This is important. You see, if we weren't

carrying lint in with us, we'd have to resort to finding it in the wild – which is never easy.

This policy has already provided immediate survival benefits. The mere act of me insisting upon mandatory dryer lint means that I now travel alone, which allows my provisions to go a lot farther. It also saves countless others from being lost.

No matter; because of that book, I know now that if I forgot life-giving dryer lint, I would find myself searching, among the countless birch trees and spruces just dripping with pitch, for a reliable flammable material to pour lighter fluid over.

Oh sure, I have heard tales of people starting fires the old-fashioned way – without dryer lint – but having read several survival books, I am now skeptical of such outlandish claims.

This has caused me to wonder if ancient man had to use belly button lint – and, if so, how many had their tummies needlessly charred before someone determined that you could remove the lint before starting the fire? As a side note, I've also wondered if this is how manscaping was discovered.

Sadly, these thoughts – and Golf Digest flashbacks – are what keeps me up at night.



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points of view

Nice to visit

LIKE A BOTTLE THROWN to the seven seas, Vera bobbed on the turquoise water. Someone's visiting grandson had just belly-flopped into the pool, sending small tsunami-like waves lapping over the sides. Vera managed to stay on her back, tossed about but still afloat. Her eyes were closed and she knew there must be a smile on her face as she drank in the moment. The Texas sun warmed her to the core and the rustle of palm trees surrounding the pool was music to her winter-weary ears.

Vera thought about the trip that had brought her here. There had been a fresh snowfall overnight and she had shovelled her way to the car. Her friend Louise, who was house sitting for her, was due to arrive in the afternoon and Vera hoped she knew how to use a shovel. From the look of the sky there could be more snow on the way.



Sharon Lynch
Down our Road

Once she crossed the border, Vera began to relax, knowing this vacation, her first in four years, was truly underway. The landscape gradually became greener and with each passing state she shed more clothes. By the time she reached the Texas line she was in sneakers, a t-shirt and capris. Along the way there had been greasy food, lumpy motel beds and an ocean of coffee.

Her parents had bought the mobile home in this park of snowbirds five years before.

It had all the comforts and conveniences typical of where so many 'winter Texans' lived for half the year. Surrounded by a security fence and gated at the front, it was designed to make the seniors feel safe in a country where the very wealthy and those with little stared at each other across an insurmountable divide. Or so it seemed to Vera as she floated on her back, watching the waving palms. Mexican women moved about emptying garbage and shining glass while other wrinkled hands smoothed oil into deeply tanned skin. She could just hear the click of billiard balls as her father played his old nemesis in the rec hall adjacent to the pool.

This afternoon they were headed for Mexico, a short 40 minute drive. As usual her dad would park the car on the American side and the three of them would walk through the checkpoint and into the other country. The first time Vera accompanied them she was shocked by both the ease of this entry and the ragged beggars sitting by the side of the walkway. Below, the famous Rio Grande moved sluggishly, its stench reaching her nose.

She came to learn that Matamoros was typical of border towns. Geared to affluent tourists it offered goods and services at a discounted price. So-called 'happy hour' lasted all afternoon with two drinks for the price of one. Mexican dentists could fix teeth for a fraction of the price north of the border. And upscale store salespeople were more than happy to offer free margaritas to husbands and boy-friends while the women perused the brightly coloured clothing.

Life as a winter Texan was a different world to Vera and she was eating it up with the same gusto she had for enchiladas and "huevos Mexicanos." She saw the appeal for her parents. They had worked hard raising a family, paying bills and dealing with Canadian winters for over 65 years. Now there was this oasis of warmth and companionship where they had little more to worry about than their golf score or what to bring to the potluck Valentine's Day supper. In the evening there would be a game of euchre or bridge or maybe shuffle board in front of the rec hall. The tall street lights would sparkle off the fountain by the front gates and the pastel-clad players would laugh and tease each other as though they had not a care in the world.

Of course this was not entirely true. Many had health concerns, were not-so-secret drinkers or mourned the death of spouses, estranged children or harboured a nagging discontent that money and comfort could never satisfy. But Vera preferred to take in the scene at face value. After all she was on vacation. Let the palm trees rustle, the soft breeze slide in from the gulf and the sun soothe her into a pleasant stupor of laziness. In a week she would be back to snow tires, thermal underwear and feeding the woodstove. And that was fine. But not yet.



pic of the past

A bird's eye view of Minden. Submitted by Sharon Petrini. If you have a pic of the past you would like to submit, bring it to the Echo at 146 Highland Street.

letters to the editor

Main Street Haliburton

To the Editor,

Haliburton Town in winter
Can be hazardous to your health
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A perky, nimble spouse
Who can jump out the right door in time
To do a ninja roll over the snow bank, onto the sidewalk
And, in so doing, without losing their coin
Manage to feed the meter...
Alas, my wife is neither perky nor ninja trained
So, whilst parking on Main Street the other day
After a good snowfall
For a good five minutes
I thought of shopping - in Minden!

Fast Eddie Burke
Minden

Public money for public access

To the Editor,

It was the talk around the water cooler last week that, through some stroke of luck, the local Baptist church had received some much coveted government funding for upgrades to its parish. After a moment of personal disbelief and with some further Internet research, I discovered that our own Barry Devolin was indeed "very proud to announce" that funding had been awarded to a few local hot spots, the Baptist church included, where applicants requested "improvements for access" so they might better serve the people of their community.

Maybe it's just my single viewpoint that this allocation of funds is ridiculous.

\$75,000 of Canadian tax dollars is being doled out to improve elevator access between floors in a church? Perhaps the Conservative party is yearning for a century or millennia past, or maybe they just wanted to feel bit more in stride and accepted by our backward U.S. neighbours?

Does anybody recall that phrase "separation of church and state"? I am and have always been a proud Canadian and often feel a touch superiority to our neighbours to the south, where they continue to value creationism over evolution. Mostly, my pride lies in belonging to a giving, caring, largely intelligent and more secular society.

Rather than grasping at a few archaic and religious straws for its vote, perhaps the government should consider a simpler plan. A more appropriate use of

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letters

Building a stairway to heaven

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funds to improve the quality of life in Haliburton Village and truly "improve access for the elderly" might be realized with some public washroom facilities. A facility that is clean, well kept, easily accessed and available to the hundreds of daily shoppers and visitors – both young and elderly – so they don't have to cut their town visit short and head back home ahead of schedule.

I did read the complete published list of recipients of these "access improvement" grants, and no others seemed particularly

out of place. In fact, it appeared as if a good amount of money was coming back to the community to help and improve local public infrastructure. Perhaps this lone \$75,000 was just an enthusiastic oversight.

If any church needs improvements or upgrades it can pass around its own tax free collection plate and ask the very people who want it, need it or use it to fund it. Nobody else, least of all the public at large, should be asked, forced or be covertly authorized to assist them.

**Kirk Creelman
Haliburton**

Ratio changes create jobs

To the Editor,

Conservative MPP Laurie Scott parroted her partys mantra by claiming ratio changes create jobs. Unfortunately once again the message is baseless and inaccurate. Conservative party leader Tim Hudak is giving false hopes to Ontario youth by telling them he can create thousands of new apprenticeship positions by simply changing the journeyman to apprenticeship ratio.

An apprenticeship is a job. If there are construction and maintenance jobs available, then there are opportunities for apprentices. You can't have one without the other. Therefore, there is no logic in stating that more jobs can be created by changing apprenticeship ratios. The only thing this will create is a shortage of jobs for current licensed journeymen.

In its most recent labour market information report, the CSC has noted that most construction trades are in balance, meaning that industry has been doing its job of attracting new entrants (apprentices) to match the skills needs of the economy.

In the electrical trade, the 3:1 ratio does not take effect until an employer has reached 12 employees (it is 2:1). So Hudak is wrong in stating that all ratios are 3:1. This accommodation was made by industry experts to take into account the needs of small employers and geography. About 85 per cent of construction

contractors have between 7 and 12 employees.

The province of Ontario has established a College of Trades, with a mandate, in part, to make decisions on issues like ratios. The college will make its decisions based on facts and input from industry.

Managing the human resource supply in the construction and maintenance industry is a challenging exercise that requires a delicate balance between attracting new entrants (apprentices), providing work opportunities to allow the apprentice to complete his or her apprenticeship and providing enough work for the graduated apprentice (journeyperson) to stay in a particular trade. An imbalance in any of these factors will have a significant impact on the supply chain.

The primary goal of apprenticeship policy is to help young workers enter occupations that will provide them with meaningful careers. The aim is surely not to create apprenticeships that a young worker has little prospect of completing. Changing a ratio does not increase the amount of work available. Unfortunately, Tim Hudak and his caucus do not want to talk about the real issues facing the apprenticeship system such as low completion rates and enforcing current trade standards.

**Steven Martin
Business Manager/ Financial Secretary
I.B.E.W. Local 353**



Giddy up!

Aileen Broughton sent in this photo of a snow sculpture her daughter, Shirley (Broughton) Lavigne constructed on New Year's Day.

Local businesses can tap into \$2 million through HCDC

**Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter**

Haliburton businesses have close to \$2 million at their fingertips through the Eastern Ontario Development Program.

General manager of the Haliburton County Development Corporation Andy Campbell and Patti Tallman, community economic development/operations man-

internships, business planning and market expansion, local initiatives and community capacity building.

"The government is really focusing in on jobs, that's what they would like to see," said Campbell.

This is the seventh year HCDC has been facilitating programs through the EODP.

There are two components to the programs: business development and community innovation.

Funds geared towards business development include assisting with training for employers, research, planning and marketing expansion and implementing information and communication technologies.

There is a total of \$385,000 available for business development per year, for the next two years.

Many of the business development funds, such as training, cannot be used for seasonal employees.

Community innovation funds can be used to support not-for-profit organizations with projects that encourage community economic development, or projects that make a significant impact on economic development in Haliburton County.

Almost \$374,000 has been granted for community innovations per year.

In addition, \$60,000 is available for collaborative economic development projects that benefit two or more Community Futures Development Corporations.

Applications are being accepted for the various programs. Funding will begin April 1.

For more information visit www.haliburtoncdc.ca or call 705-457-3555.



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— Andy Campbell

ager for HCDC, outlined how local entrepreneurs and businesses can access those funds during the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce breakfast on Feb. 2 at Sir Sam's Ski and Summer Resort.

The federal government announced in January that \$1.9 million would be available through the EODP, which services Haliburton County, Kawartha Lakes, Peterborough County and other areas.

The funds will be dispersed over the next two years through a variety of programs such as skills development, youth



Angelica Blenich Staff

General manager of the Haliburton County Development Corporation Andy Campbell outlines some of the funding opportunities available to local business through the Eastern Ontario Development Program at the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce breakfast held at Sir Sam's Ski and Summer Resort on Feb. 2. The EODP recently announced \$1.9 million was available for Haliburton County and the surrounding region.



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Front: Tim Hagerty (Bonnie View Inn), Janis Parker, Lisa Kerr and Dr. Bill Kerr (Volunteer Dental Outreach Centre), Wendy Ladurantaye and Garry Swagerman (SIRCH Community Services)

Not Present: Timir and Kayle Patel (241 Pizza), Alvy Tsang and Alex Cao (Win Yeung Chinese Restaurant), Bill and Edna Burden (West Guilford Shopping Centre)

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Cooling down

Rotary District Governor and Gooderham resident Brian Menton, second from left, takes the plunge during the annual PolarFest Polar Plunge held Feb. 5 on Chemong Lake next to the James. A Gifford Causeway near Bridgenorth. The event raised more than \$3,000 for the organizations efforts to eradicate polio. From left, Sue Sharpe, Dorothy Menton, Sue Davidson and Robert Shoniker.

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Building would be on Mountain Street

from page 1

If constructed, the building will include 24 covered parking spaces for residents and 12 open-air spots for visitors, three of which will be accessible spaces.

The development will also include a three-metre vegetation buffer along the rear portion of the lot and a privacy fence, according to the application.

Like Granite Cove, units in the new development will be sold through local real estate agent Peter Brady of Trophy Property Corp.

Brady announced limited details on the project in January, saying the units would be slightly smaller than those in Granite Cove and would retail for less than \$200,000.

To allow for the building's construction, a number of existing buildings will have to be removed, including a single-family dwelling.

Some blasting will be required to accommodate the project.

According to a report provided by municipal planner Pat Martin, planning and roads department staff have visited the site.

To support the project a number of background reports are required, including a storm water management and construction mitigation plan, a hydrogeology study to confirm water, engineering plans for the water system and engineering plans for the internal sewer system.

The project conforms to provincial policy and to the municipality's official plan, according to Martin's report.

Developer Doug Gray believes if approved, the condo will fill a need in the county.

"Based on the success of Granite Cove there seems to be a demand for a few more condominiums. There still seems to be quite a few people from Haliburton that are coming off the lakes that want to stay in Haliburton," he said.

The lower price point is due to the location, as Granite View is not situated on the waterfront, said Gray.

A public meeting to discuss the project will be held on March 5 at 5 p.m. in council chambers.

Liver Health and Hep C Team 4 Week Lunch and Learns Haliburton & Minden

Oshawa Community Health Centre's Liver Health and Hepatitis C Team will be holding a series of 4 information sessions (in the order below) from Noon to 1pm every first and third Friday in February and March.

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HHHS strategic plan on target

from page 5

Rosebush told the board that HHHS is moving forward on all of its goals as outlined in the strategic plan.

Two years into a three-year plan, budgets have been balanced, a geothermal system installed, relationships (both local and regional) have improved and staff are happy.

"Because we've developed a good relationship with the LHIN they listen to us," Rosebush said.

That relationship has led to a "windfall" of funding for HHHS.

The human resources department has a low grievance rate, low staff turnover and low vacancy levels.

Rosebush said these positive relations had to do with regular communication with the staff allowing them to speak their minds and understand hospital decisions.

Access to core rural services was another point on the plan's checklist and Rosebush pointed to the restoration of ultrasound services and the addition of a palliative care suite as examples of improvement to services.

Prevention and health promotion were improved through the smoke-free policy, wellness literature in the

ER, installing exercise equipment for staff and getting the staff flu vaccination rate up.

This year 70 per cent of staff were vaccinated. Last year the rate was 75 per cent.

Most hospitals report a 50 per cent vaccination rate, he said.

Fundraising ahead of last year

Foundation executive director Dale Walker reported that the Christmas campaign had brought in \$80,000.

She said the foundation would be on course to purchase X-ray machines for HHHS by the summer of 2012.

Fundraising was made easier "because of the good care at HHHS," Walker said.

Following the X-ray equipment, the foundation will begin a campaign to build a new palliative care suite for the Haliburton hospital.

There is already support for the idea and donations have come in ahead of the campaign.

Curl for Care is the next fundraiser for HHHSF to be held March 10.

Babies don't come with an owner's manual

Parents-to-be are invited to attend the next Healthy Beginnings prenatal class that starts on March 19 in Haliburton County. The free class, organized by the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit, runs for four weekly sessions concluding in mid-April.

To register or find out more information about the prenatal class, contact the health unit at 705-457-1391 or toll-free at 1-866-888-4577. You can also email info@hkpr.on.ca for more details.

Couples are encouraged to register early, even if they have just learned they are pregnant, as this prenatal class

may be the only one offered this spring in Haliburton County.

A family health nurse will lead the prenatal class, providing information to expectant parents about labour and delivery, infant care and safety, feeding the baby and adjusting to life after the baby is born. Pregnant women are encouraged to bring a partner or coach to the class. Each participant also receives a free copy of the Healthy Beginnings pregnancy guidebook and can find out details about health unit services and programs that support healthy families.

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EcoEnergy Retrofit–Homes program ends earlier than expected

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

People in Haliburton County are disappointed about the premature end to a popular grant program that enabled homeowners to make their homes more energy efficient.

As of Jan. 28, the federal government stopped taking new applications for the ecoEnergy Retrofit–Homes program, two months before the scheduled due date of March 31.

The government contends the program, which was budgeted for \$400 million, ran its course hitting its goal of helping 250,000 homeowners.

“March 31 is only 60 days away. If you waited til now [to sign up] it’s pretty late in the day” Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock Conservative MP Barry Devolin said.

The program offered rebates of up to \$5,000 on the cost of making residential homes more energy efficient and was

It improves the household budget across the country and it creates jobs. I know every time I walk out the door I pay the government directly through HST anywhere between \$22 to almost \$200 in a day and that goes directly to the government because I’m a service organization,” she said.

She doesn’t rely solely on the program, providing service to the real estate industry, but it does help customers, the government and the entire country, including the preservation of the housing stock.

Sayne’s company provides service to the Haliburton County, Kawartha Lakes, Bancroft, Maynooth and Pembroke.

Her service includes inspections and audits to inform homeowners about the energy efficiency and health of their home.

“It’s not just the measured effect. People are actually sensing the difference [in terms of health] and paying less in their fuel bills,” she said.

The health of the home is directly related to the money people can save and the health of its occupants, she said, adding allergies and other respiratory illnesses are often inter-related.

The program is not scheduled to continue next year. However, Devolin said he hopes something like it or the home renovation tax credit of a few years ago is included in next month’s budget to stimulate work for local small contractors.

He shares Sayne’s thoughts that the retrofit program was a big success in stimulating the economy and improving energy efficiency.

Andrew Brown of Greg Brown Construction, who promote and install geothermal heating systems, said his business is not likely to feel the effect until next year, but, generally, customer interest in geothermal heating has matched the fluctuation of the incentives offered.

He cannot understand the premature end to the incentive program, which will lead people to consider other heating systems that are less efficient when compared to geothermal, he said.

“Installing a geothermal [system] is like taking two cars off the road. So any push from the government to help convince homeowners to install a geothermal system would help both their pocket [books] and the environment,” he said in an email.

The Haliburton-based Greg Brown Construction has been installing geothermal systems since 2008.

One of the Brown’s customers cannot understand the decision since he might have not otherwise installed a geothermal system without the incentive.

Retired Minden resident Don Wither, who just had his system installed this autumn, said the government is sending mixed messages with this decision.

“If we’re trying to encourage people to pursue eco-friendly heating and consumption then why would they cancel something like that,” he said. “Why are they bothering with 250,000 households? We’re either in or we are not when it comes to being eco-friendly.”

The recently retired Wither is at odds with Devolin’s defence to end the program, believing that the public may not be able to afford it when it suits the government’s

schedule. Although \$5,000 is not a lot for him, he acknowledges the sum is still a consideration in the larger picture.

“It becomes a question of you do the math and how much longer does it take to pay it off if you don’t get the rebate for the encouragement to go forward and do it,” he said.

-with files from The Lindsay Post



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— Don Wither

launched in June, 2011.

The federal government also announced the extension of the retrofit evaluation deadline to June 30, 2012.

Anyone already enrolled in the program faces a March 31 deadline to complete renovations.

Devolin stressed that to say the program has been cancelled, is a misnomer.

He said it was always intended to end when the goal of 250,000 homeowners registering was reached.

The lesson to those who delayed registering, he said, was that if a program is to run for a year, don’t wait until the last six weeks to apply.

The program’s actual expenditure won’t be revealed, Devolin said, until after June 30.

Local certified evaluator Pam Sayne of Know Your Home Inspections Inc. based in Minden was not entirely surprised by the decision since she has seen these types of programs start and stop during her 15 years in the industry. The energy auditor likens her company to riding a wave, determined by the whim of the government that happens to be in power.

She believed the program was great for everyone involved.

“It’s a matter of government priorities. I think this is a win-win-win situation. It reduces our dependency on fuel.

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New partnership between Donald eco-innovation centre and Fleming

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

Four students will be given the opportunity to put their knowledge into action as a new partnership was recently announced between the Donald Eco-innovation Centre and Sir Sandford Fleming College's ecosystem management technology program.

The partnership was spearheaded by Leora Berman, managing director of the eco-innovation centre and will be facilitated through the Frost campus, located in Lindsay.

The students will be researching new technologies in the Highlands to complete educational components of their program.

Enrolled in their third year of the management program, the research students include Kate Hewitt, Sarah Carruthers, Glen Gallinger and Lyndsay Shular.

Some items the students will be researching include integrative building, green technologies, land stewardship and new building construction materials, said Berman.

The students began the research component in January and will continue until April.

"There are very few places in Ontario that have compiled all the research on green technologies," said Berman, who is excited about the partnership.

Ecosystem management technology is a three-year program that includes a course titled credit for product, in which students complete research on sustainable projects, such as the eco-innovation centre.

"What we do is link students with environmental employers," said Mike Fraser, program coordinator at the college.

An optional component of the program, the third year allows students the chance to further their knowledge and applied skills in the environmental field, said Fraser. Interested employers submit proposals and students have the chance to meet those employers.



Research students from Fleming College's Frost campus in Lindsay visit the Donald plant, which will be transformed into a centre for eco-innovation. The students are partnering on the project through the college's ecosystem management technology program.

From left to right, Kate Hewitt, Sarah Carruthers, Glen Gallinger and Lyndsay Shular. /Photo submitted

"The students have to go around a room and speed date ... they're selling themselves as mini consulting firms to every employer, and the employer decides which is the best team for their project," said Fraser.

The process matches up the students with the employers beautifully, said Fraser.

"It gets them to communicate their talents."

Once selected, the teams begin discussing project details with the mentor.

"We have teams of students working for government and non-government organizations and they're producing something tangible for those organizations, as well as earning credit," said Sara Kelly, program instructor.

Graduates of the program have gone on to work with conservation authorities, the Ministry of Natural Resources, environmental consultants and other organizations. Having already visited the site, the students are keen to learn more about the eco-innovation project, said Kelly.

"They're learning some really interesting stuff about green technologies," she said. "They're excited about the impact their work will have on the project."

To date the eco-innovation centre has raised more than \$20,000. An additional \$25,000 is still needed to complete the building. For more information visit www.buildingbetween.ca. Organizations with an environmental theme or project are encouraged to contact Kelly about partnership opportunities.

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More homes to connect to high-speed, locations unclear

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

Residents of Haliburton County are inching closer to receiving high-speed Internet with the announcement of a local access contract awarded to Bell Aliant.

While it is still unclear as to which particular portions of the county the contract will affect, members of the Eastern Ontario Wardens Caucus believe the recent development is a step in the right direction.

Awarded mid-January, the contract will serve 24,000 homes and businesses with a wired or DSL solution, expanding broadband access to parts of both Haliburton and Peterborough County.

The contract will service a zone that encompasses Haliburton County, which includes Wilberforce, Gooderham, Haliburton Village, Carnarvon and West Guilford.

According to a press release issued by the EORN, about two-thirds of the more

than 24,000 households in the area are seasonal properties.

The Haliburton zone includes more than 2,700 square kilometres across Haliburton County and the northern portion of Kawartha Lakes.

"Not all of Haliburton is included in this zone, there are going to be parts of Haliburton that are covered under a different contract," said Lisa Severson, communications and stakeholder relations officer for the project.

Project co-lead and chief administrative officer for the county of Hastings, Jim Pine believes this contract will result in access for residents some time this fall.

"There's two parts to the coverage, there's the portion that Bell Aliant will provide for us through DSL service to the 24,000 homes. The second part is through improved satellite service, which will provide high-speed Internet," said Pine.

This is the sixth contract the EOWC has awarded to deliver high-speed Internet, with Pine expecting about 21 contracts to

be awarded by the end of the project.

"We will be announcing more in the coming weeks and months," he said.

Pine believes the news is good for Haliburton County, as residents have been waiting a long time to get better service.

"I'm excited. Socially and economically it's going to be excellent for us," said Dave Burton, Highlands East reeve and chair of the Eastern Ontario Regional Network.

While the project has been in the works

for years, Burton said it's just a matter of time before Internet will be available to everyone.

"If people can just be patient. It is coming and it will be here," he said.

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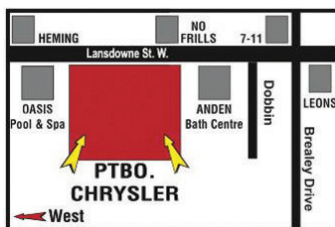
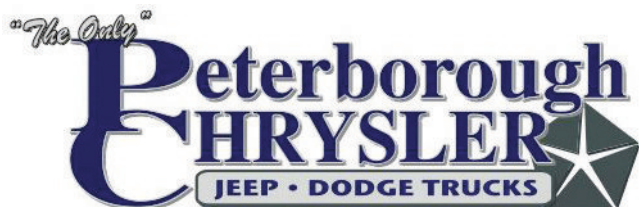
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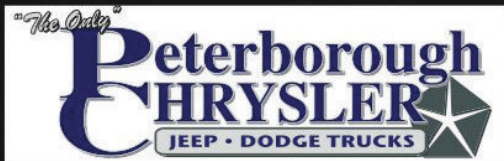
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Charity tournament brings in troops, funds and that famous cup

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

Haliburton County was host to a string of important visitors on the weekend of Feb. 3 to the 5 as NHL alumni, the Stanley Cup and troops from CFB Borden and CFB Petewawa came to town in support of the Scotty Morrison

Charity Hockey Tournament. In support of Community Care Haliburton County, the tournament included a dinner at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena in Minden, a meet and greet with the troops held at the Haliburton Legion and an exhibition hockey game at the Dysart arena. Now in its fourth year, the annual event benefits the local organization which provides resources and support serv-

ices for seniors living throughout the county. While it is too early to know how much was raised from this year's event, organizers were hoping to top last year's fundraising total of \$31,000. The tournament included a live and silent auction, where items such as a signed Cody Hodgson hockey jersey and an autographed Matt Duchene print were up for grabs.



Top far left, Scotty Morrison enjoys a laugh in the dressing room prior to an exhibition hockey game played between troops from CFB Borden and CFB Petewawa on Feb 4 at the Dysart arena.

Bottom far left, Scotty Morrison and Col. Louis Meloche, third from left, drop the puck before the start of the game.

Top right, visitors lined up in droves to have their picture taken with the Stanley Cup at the Haliburton Legion.



Centre right, a player from CFB Borden, in green, reaches for the puck.

Bottom right, Retired NHL referees share a moment with the Stanley Cup in the dressing room before heading to the ice for a special exhibition game.



Back row from left, Ray Scapinello, Bryan Lewis and Bob Hodges. Front from left, Ron Hicks and Scotty Morrison.

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Artist's work an expression of happiness

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

She's just a happy person.

There is no better way to describe Sue Gleeson, an artist whose exhibit, *Finding the Pathway Home*, is on display at the Rails End Gallery until March 7.

A family doctor who lives and works in Peterborough, Gleeson was at the gallery on Feb. 4 for a reception to celebrate the opening of her exhibit, which features watercolour pieces that have a sprinkle of sparkle.

Born in Lindsay, Gleeson has been an artist for the past seven years, using her favourite medium, watercolour crayons, to create acrylic abstracts for her current exhibit.

Finding the Pathway Home is a combination of paintings created during the last three years.

A student of the Haliburton School of the Arts, Gleeson has been working towards completing the expressive arts practitioner program over the past few years.

"My mother and grandmother were both artists and I didn't think I had gotten the gene," she said.

After many years practicing medicine, Gleeson decided she wanted to try something new, so she took life coach training.

"I wanted to be a healer and I started feeling unfulfilled being a doctor, I felt that was more about disease management," she said.

The training opened up her sense of creativity, leading her to try her hand at painting.

Gleeson enrolled in her first course at the college and soon she was caught skipping down the hallway in between classes.

"The principal at the time came up to me and said 'I see you're a doctor from Peterborough and you seem to be happy,'" she said.

The exchange led Gleeson to enrol in the practitioner program.

"It brought back that sense of childlike creativity."

Apart from painting, Gleeson has also authored a number of novels, often escaping to the Haliburton Highlands to write in solitude.

"I come once a month to write up here," she said. "It's peaceful and quiet, the creativity just really gets amped up here."

The tranquil surroundings mixed with the scenic landscape result in a true appreciation Gleeson exuberates in her work as an artist.

"They are mostly works of joy just coming out of my own happiness about being an artist ... Anyone can be an artist who wants to be," she said.

The artist describes her current exhibit as joyful pieces



Angelica Blenich Staff

Much of Sue Gleeson's work, seen here, features vibrant colours to emphasize feelings of happiness.



Artist Sue Gleeson, centre, mingles with guests at the Rails End Gallery on Feb. 4 during a meet and greet reception on the opening day of her exhibit, *Finding the Pathway Home*.



Michelle Fraser enjoys the exhibit's opening on Feb. 4.

created with bright, "kindergarten colours."

A number of pieces from the collection are for sale.

A member of the gallery, Gleeson will be conducting an

introduction to watercolour crayon workshop on Feb. 8.

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Community members get involved to reduce number of falls

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Haliburton County is known to be a hot spot for people who are retired as well as senior citizens.

Since the population of senior citizens is high (around 24 per cent) this means the town must ensure that the sidewalks and crosswalks are in good shape.

The Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit (HKPR) and the Haliburton Highlands Family Health Team, have joined forces to help against seniors falling.

Bev Kraulis of the Aging Well Committee was curious to find out how many people have fallen in the county.

She received some stats for falls from standing that

resulted in a suspected fracture in 2010, and she found out that 62 people fell in the county, and of those 62 people, 48 of them (77.4 per cent) were over the age of 50.

"That's a large number," Kraulis said, adding it should be lower.

This high number can be reduced with the help of the community.

She encourages people to keep their walkways and stairs and entrances to businesses clear.

"If you don't make it easier, seniors won't come in to your business," she said.

This is not only just for senior citizens, there were still 14 people under the age of 50 who fell in 2010.

The Aging Well Committee, which is a volunteer-run committee, suggests that businesses should mark edges of steps in bright colours so people can easily see them

and make sure that walkways and stair areas are well lit.

You can also keep stairs in good repair and if they are high stairs, try to find an alternative entrance for people who have a hard time walking, and a grab bar for people to use to keep balance.

The Aging Well Committee also recommends having grab bars in homes to prevent falls as well as purchasing ice/snow traction cleats. Just slowing down, paying attention and planning ahead also help.

Carol Browne of the Aging Well Committee also encourages people to go slowly, and be mindful of the weather conditions.

"If the weather is bad don't go out," said Browne.

Browne said it has been a bad winter and the township has done the best they can to take care of the highways and sidewalks.



Scene/Seen

A woman looks at the diverse offering of more than 80 pieces on showcase at the opening of the Scene/Seen show held at the Rails End Gallery in Haliburton on Saturday, Jan. 28. The collection, which focused on the different ways artists see and interpret Haliburton, includes young amateurs to seasoned professionals such as John Lennard and Bill Reddick. The show runs until March 17.

Darren Lum Staff

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Barnes explores the characters of the North

Jenn Watt
Editor

It's been 13 years since author Michael Barnes moved to Haliburton and in that time, he was written just as many books.

The prolific writer has penned more than 50 volumes in his life and he's not interested in quitting.

His most recent, Northern Ontario: Introducing the Unknown Country, adds to a collection chronicling Ontario's north that earned him the Order of Canada in 1994.

"This one and the last four were commissioned by a wealthy financier in Toronto who is very interested in the north and publicizing the north," Barnes says of the 200-page volume.

In his career as an educator before semi-retiring to a life of writing, Barnes lived in several Northern Ontario towns

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It's a fascinating place. Many people think of it as the last frontier. Now, the frontier is being pushed further north.

— Michael Barnes

including Wawa, Moose Factory and Cochrane.

Having lived and worked in the north, he was well positioned to write about its potential and its challenges.

"It's a fascinating place. Many people think of it as the last frontier. Now, the

frontier is being pushed further north," Barnes says.

"It's a very beautiful country and it is replete with natural resources of all kinds. There are political things: How do you exploit these [resources]? How do you consider the First Nations people in with the mix? A book like this would be a help to people who intend to invest there or simply travel and live there."

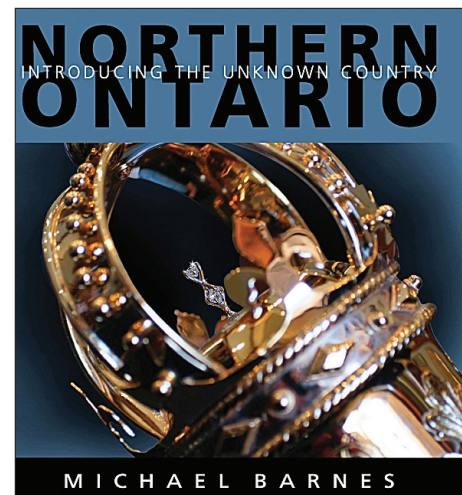
Meant as an introduction to Northern Ontario, chapters take the reader through the land's history, its mining resources, forestry, farming, its people and settlements.

"One of the chapters is on getting around. Part of getting around is the fact that the distances are huge. It can take almost two days to drive from one side to the other," he says.

Barnes also brings readers the stories of several "characters" that spent time in the north, including Buffalo Child Long Lance, a man of mixed race who was accepted into Native circles until his ancestry was found out.

Other noteworthy profiles include Sir James Dunn (a close friend to Lord Beaverbrook) and Jack Munroe (the boxer).

While Barnes doesn't financially need to continue working into his 70s, he seems unable to help himself.



"People ask, why do you do it? Because Everest is there," he smiles.

The author has written four books about Haliburton, most recently an introductory book on the county called Haliburton in Highland Ontario.

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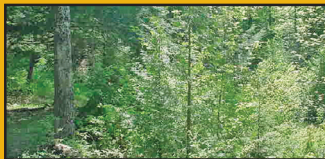
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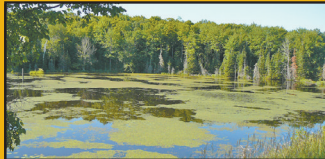
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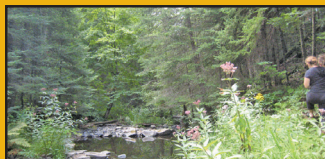
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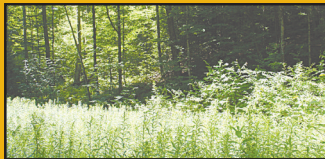
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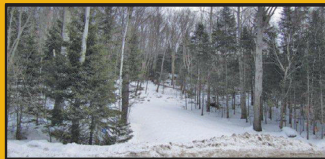
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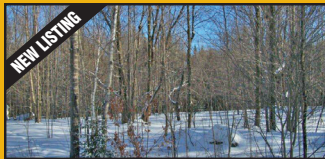
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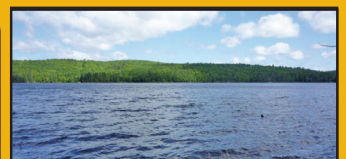
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Sports

Hodgson's month capped off

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

It just keeps getting better and better.

The Vancouver Canucks rookie Cody Hodgson said all the right things after a month with all the right moves, as he was named National Hockey League's rookie of the month.

"It's a great honour. Like I said, there are a great amount of rookies in this league it feels nice to be recognized by the NHL," he said in a taped interview. "I think it is a big benefactor of the way the team has been playing, winning games. We've been pretty successful as a team so the individual stuff has come as a result of that."

Hodgson not only led all rookies in scoring with 10 points (six goals and four assists) through 11 games, but helped his team win two games, including tallying the game-tying goal.

Hodgson scored game winners against the Boston Bruins (4-3) on Jan. 7 and the San Jose Sharks (4-3) on Jan. 21, including the game-tying goal on a breakaway against the Chicago Blackhawks, which led to a 3-2 overtime win.

Hodgson, who ranks fourth in scoring among rookies in 50 games, is sixth in team scoring with 30 points (14 goals and 16 assists).

He is the highest scoring rookie with the Canucks since the 2000-2001 season when Daniel Sedin scored 34 points.

OPP facing off against soldiers from CFB Petawawa

➤ Local schools to benefit from hockey game and time with the soldiers

There are going to be a couple of "battles" of sorts next week in Haliburton County. Members of the Haliburton Highlands detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police, will be facing off against soldiers from Canadian Forces Base Petawawa, in a friendly game of hockey.

On Wednesday, Feb. 8 from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., the OPP will be taking on a team of soldiers of the Royal Canadian Dragoons, stationed in Petawawa. This game will be held at the Minden arena, and will be enjoyed by the students of Archie Stouffer Elementary School. After the game, the soldiers will be attending the school to spend time with the students.

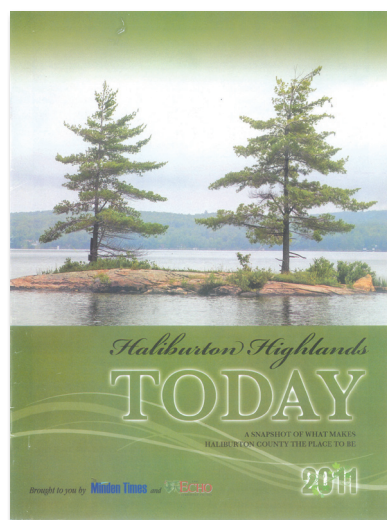
On the morning of Thursday, Feb. 9, the Royal Canadian Dragoons will be attend-

ing J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School in Haliburton. There, they will spend time with the students and talk about safety and the roles that everyone has in keeping their community safe. In the afternoon, the students of the school will attend the Haliburton Arena, where they will be able to watch the soldiers face off against the OPP. This game is scheduled from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

This match up was the idea of Sergeant Matthew Stoner, shift supervisor at the Haliburton Highlands Detachment of the OPP.

In the spring of 2011, there was a significant Canadian military presence in Haliburton County, as the members of the Canadian Forces were using the area to practice various military manoeuvres. During the military presence here, Stoner noted how much the soldiers engaged the children of the community, and how responsive the children were.

Hence, the idea of a friendly game of hockey was considered, with the soldiers being able to spend more time with the youth of Haliburton County.



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Left, a player from CFB Petewawa reaches for the puck during an exhibition hockey game played between troops from CFB Borden and CFB Petewawa on Feb. 4 at the Dysart arena.

The game was in support of the Scotty Morrison Charity Hockey Tournament, which raises funds for Community Care Haliburton County. The final score of the game was 3-2 for CFB.

Right, players from the CFB Petewawa bench lean over the boards to watch a game between their team and CFB Borden.

Angelica Blenich Staff

The Highland Storm Pee wee AE beat Huntsville

It was a close and exciting game when the Highland Storm Pee wee AE team met with the Huntsville Otters last week. The teams were well-matched which made for some awesome hockey. It was all heart that brought the Storm team the 3-2 victory.

Goals were scored by Ryan Prentice, Jon Morrison and Mitch Billings. The assists came from Jon Morrison, Alec Stoughton, Mitch Billings and Trevor Turner. That game ended the regular season.

The Storm Pee wee AE team sits with twelve wins, four losses and two ties. Well done boys!

On Sunday, Jan. 29 in Minden, the Highland Storm Pee wee AE team took on Oshawa in the first round of playoffs.

The Highland Storm Pee wee AE team is proudly sponsored by Tom Prentice Trucking.

Submitted by Suzanne Hae-dicke

Pee wee As travel to Whitby

Dr. Ed Smolen's Family Dentistry Pee wee As travelled to Whitby (The Iroquoise Centre) for their third game against the Durham Crusaders at 8 p.m. Saturday Feb. 4. I have to say that is one impressive building, with six ice pads and two pools.

Jake Bull assisted by Mark Saville and Matt Wilbee started the scoring in the first period only to have the Crusaders tie it up. This was big ice the boys were skating on but it did not

seem to matter.

The Storm scored two more goals in the second period, Matt Wilbee unassisted then Kyle Cooper assisted by Andrew Hall and Jake Bull. The Crusaders were determined to stay in the series but the Storm was more determined to end it. The Crusaders managed two more goals but the Storm boys got three more in the third, Chris Thompson assisted by Matt Wilbee, Kyle Cooper from Josh Boice and Andrew Hall, then Greg Crofts assisted by Devyn Prentice and Mark Saville to make it a 6-3 win for the Storm and a three game sweep to take this series.

Parker Smolen was in net for most of

the game and Ryan Hannah for part of the third. We are now waiting to see who we will meet for the semi-finals in the OMHA

playdowns. Congratulations to the other Highland Storm teams!

Submitted by Karena Crofts

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Young women embrace exchange that crosses continents

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

Two young women, two cultural experiences, two very different climates.

When Kestrel Woodley travelled to Argentina she arrived during the dead of winter. While she was there the temperatures ranged from 10 degrees up to 20 degrees, cold enough to require a polar fleece and a windbreaker.

For Natalia Moreno the experience hasn't been quite the same.

A Grade 12 student at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, Woodley embarked on a two-month exchange to Argentina through the Rotary Interact Club, of which she's a member. The opportunity to travel and embrace another culture was one Woodley, 17, did not want to pass up.

"I told my parents about it and it was never like do I want to do this, I just sort of did it," she said.

The Rotary Club of Haliburton sponsored Woodley's short-term exchange.

Born and raised in Haliburton, Woodley arrived in Argentina in June 2011 and stayed until the end of August.

A first-time flyer, Woodley was more nervous about boarding a plane than spending time in a new country. For the duration of her exchange Woodley lived with Moreno and her family in General Acha, a flat region situated right in the centre of Argentina with a

population of 15,000.

"The first day I was there they took me on a bus tour of Buenos Aires. The day after is when we drove to Nati's home, which is eight hours away. I remember it was way different than Haliburton," she said.

Described as a "really fun experience," Woodley says her time in South America flew by.

One of the cultural differences Woodley noticed was the close proximity between towns and villages.

"What I would see as we were driving was nothing and then a town, and then nothing again. Here we're a lot more spread out," she said.

The layout allowed for a more social and tight-knit community experience, with everyone walking to each other's houses and getting together often. During her exchange Woodley attended classes with Moreno and lived the typical life of a 17-year-old, including trips to the disco.

"Every Friday and Saturday they have a disco. They get dressed up and go out. It doesn't start until 3 a.m. and went until 5 or 6 a.m.," said Woodley.

Getting used to the different hours was an adjustment for Woodley who said they typically ate dinner around 10 p.m.

"They sleep a lot less over there," she said.

For Moreno, who arrived in Canada on Dec. 21 and stayed until Feb. 21, the experience has been a little different. Living with Woodley's family during her experience, Moreno has already visited Toronto and will



Natalia Moreno, left and Kestrel Woodley smile in front of the parliament building in Buenos Aires in August 2011.

A resident of Haliburton, Woodley visited Argentina for a two month exchange through the Rotary Interact Club at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School. Moreno is in Haliburton completing her component of the exchange and will be in the county until Feb. 21. /Photo submitted

be spending time in Ottawa and Niagara Falls before heading back home. Life in Haliburton County is in stark contrast to South America.

"Everything is far apart," she said.

Another big difference is the weather, which Moreno is still adjusting to.

"It's very cold."

Spending her days at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School with Woodley, Moreno said the education system had more variety than in Argentina.

"We don't have different classes to choose from. You choose the school you attend based on what you want to study for your career. You take 12 classes all year long," she said.

Moreno is taking most of the same classes as Woodley, apart from English, instead

spending time in elective courses such as art.

"She also takes a lot of physics classes, because she really likes physics," laughs Woodley.

One Canadian experience she has experienced since arriving is the Haliburton Highlands Dogsled Derby, which she thought was unique.

Whether in Canada or Argentina, one thing both girls did share during their time away was a missing home. The trip has left the students with an interest in pursuing future travelling opportunities.

"I like Canada. I want to do other exchanges too ... maybe one in India. I would like to try doing a year-long exchange, I think you can learn a lot in a year," said Moreno.



Natalia Moreno, left and Kestrel Woodley soak up the sun in Buenos Aires in August 2011. /Photo submitted

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This was one of the tasks assigned to a NASA team led by Cornell professor, Carl Sagan, in the early 1970s.

Music was to be part of the time capsule that was going to be sent into space aboard the Voyager 1 spacecraft that was launched

in 1977.

A veritable "message in a bottle" being tossed into the 'cosmic ocean'.

Voyager 1 passed Pluto - still a planet at the time- in 1990 and left our solar system in 2004.

As far as we know, it is still looking for someone to find and open "the bottle."

Of course the technology of the 1970's was dramatically different than what we have today.

It was before CDs and MP3s. As a result, what went aboard Voyager 1 was literally a Golden Record.

More specifically it was gold-plated copper with an aluminium cover.

The record includes both sounds and images that portray the diversity of life and culture on Earth.

There are a variety of natural sounds like wind, surf, thunder and animals as well as the musical selections from various eras and cultures and, of course, a message from them president Jimmy Carter and the UN secretary general.

The music had to be representative of the Earth as a whole and hence was a broad and eclectic range of choices.

Bach and Beethoven got on the list twice and other inclusions were a Pygmy girls' initiation song, Peruvian panpipes and drum, a Navajo chant, an Indian Raga, music from the Solomon Islands and *Melancholy Blues* by Louis Armstrong and his

Hot Seven.

Canada is also represented in the person of Glenn Gould playing a Bach Fugue.

There was also a tune called *Dark Was the Night*

by American Blues man, Blind Willie Johnson (that one is worth an Internet search). Of course there had to be a Rock and Roll song and the choice was *Johnny B Goode* by Chuck Berry.

The complete list can easily be found on the Internet.

To help the aliens that find the capsule there is a drawing that shows the record

Greg Roe



Music Notes

and a stylus and how to use it.

A stylus was supplied with the capsule. When researching for this article I kept getting a comical vision of a bunch of ET type beings sitting around the rec room, as one gets ready to put the stylus to the record. Their lives would never be the same.

I also found out that Saturday Night Live did a skit in their third season about the capsule that featured Steve Martin.

In it, aliens had found the capsule and played the record and sent a message immediately back to Earth.

It read, "Send more Chuck Berry!"

Ah yes, It's Only Rock and Roll, but they liked it.

Greg Roe hosts *It's Only Rock and Roll*, alternating Friday nights, on 100.9 Canoe FM, your volunteer, community radio station. He also hosts *Haliburton County Reads* on Wednesdays at 6 p.m.

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Send more Chuck Berry!

— message in SNL skit



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What's the 211?

When you don't know where to turn, just call 211

There's a new information service available for seniors and all members of the public not sure where to turn for help finding the right community or social service that applies to their own particular issue or circumstances.

When Aging Well Haliburton County conducted their survey amongst seniors a couple of years ago, one of the pressing concerns was that seniors needed help in defining who to call when they needed assistance for various issues.

They stated that they needed the information at the time the issue presented itself, not before! In other words, printing out a directory of services was not an option since they would not likely be able to lay their hands on it when the time came to use it. They also stressed that they didn't want to speak to a machine in place of an actual person. The Aging Well group has been wrestling with this concern ever since, but suddenly the problem has been solved, by others. Throughout Canada the CRTC has assigned three-digit dialing codes (also known as N11s) to services that have broad public interest and are of universal social value. The current assignments are:

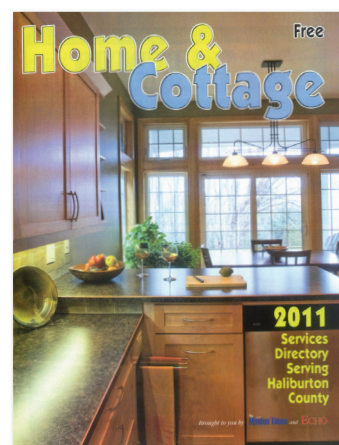
- 211 Public information and referral services
- 311 Non-emergency municipal

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- 411 Directory assistance
- 511 Weather, traffic and travel information
- 611 Telco repair service
- 711 Message relay service
- 811 Non-urgent Health Care Telephone triage service
- 911 Emergency Services

The 211 service began in Toronto in 2010 and has now been expanded province-wide and currently serves about 10.5 million people. The call centres are manned 24 hours a day, seven days a week by trained personnel who are prepared to provide contact information to any service or agency that would be appropriate to each caller's particular situation and location. The service is administered by The Ontario 211 Services Corporation which was incorporated in 2008 to provide leadership and accountability for the system.

Aging Well Haliburton County has been in contact with the 211 people to obtain brochures and more information for general distribution and they will make this available to the public at all libraries and other appropriate locations throughout the county shortly. In the meantime individuals may go online and see the complete list of services included in their referral base at www.211ontario.ca or simply dial 211 on your phone to talk to the call agent.



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Programs help pregnant or recently pregnant women quit smoking

In 2007-2008 there were over 14,000 Ontario women who smoked tobacco and 10,000 of them wanted to quit smoking.

This estimate likely under represents the true prevalence of smoking during pregnancy because many pregnant women are reluctant to disclose they are smokers due to the stigma, shame and guilt attached to smoking while pregnant.

When pregnant women smoke they are twice as likely to have low birth weight and/or premature babies as women who never smoked. Smoking cigarettes is also associated with a number of other pregnancy complications including the risk of developing placental problems.

Premature babies cost up to five times as much as a full-term baby in the immediate post-delivery phase.

Low birth weight babies also face increased risk of serious health problems, chronic lifelong disabilities such as cerebral palsy, learning problems, developmental disabilities, and even death.

"Given the health consequences of

smoking on the mother and the fetus, it is in everyone's interest to help women quit smoking," says Pat Campbell, CEO, Echo: Improving Women's Health in Ontario, an agency of the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care.

Echo has recently partnered with the Centre for Community Based Research, Peterborough County Public Health Unit, North Bay Indian Friendship Center, the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health, the Ontario Tobacco Research Unit and the Program Training and Consultation Centre on a project to increase smoking cessation in pregnant or recently pregnant women who experience marginalization.

Two partners, Peterborough PHU, and NBIFC are hosts to newly developed programs which were designed by supporting community women tailor best practice guidelines to reflect local needs.

Centre for Addictions and Mental Health is also revamping PREGNETS, an online provincial resource that helps pregnant women quit smoking and provides up to

date information to health care providers.

"While the province has some tools to helping pregnant women quit smoking, there are a lack of community-based programs to support pregnant women who are



Research shows that the majority of pregnant women who smoke are more likely to be from groups that are marginalized, including low income, Aboriginal, and Northern Ontario women.

— Joanna Ochocka
Centre for Community
Based Research

groups."

"While there are smoking cessation best practices to guide organizations in program design, community input can help ensure smoking cessation programs are relevant and responsive to the specific needs of the communities they serve making the programs both evidence based and context sensitive," says Campbell.

Echo is encouraging the spread of its program design methods across the province to ultimately support pregnant or recently pregnant women to quit smoking.

Ignite Innovation, a website created to bring together community women, service providers, and policy makers toward developing responsive, inclusive, non-judgmental, non-stigmatizing quit smoking programs has been created to support this goal.

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marginalized to quit," says Joanna Ochocka of CCBR.

"Research shows that the majority of pregnant women who smoke are more likely to be from groups that are marginalized, including low income, Aboriginal, and Northern Ontario women. We need effective quit programs that can serve these

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County staff meet with architects on new emergency base

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

A brainstorming session on the potential EMS base/fire hall for the old Walker's Repair Property in Minden took place last week.

Municipal staff, including county EMS director Pat Kennedy and Minden Hills fire chief Doug Schell, met with architect Ron Awde at county offices on Jan. 26.

The county and Minden Hills have entered into a space needs study for a potential joint facility on the five-acre property, which the county purchased in 2010 for \$385,000.

Entering into the study does not bind Minden Hills to partner with the county on the EMS base it plans to construct one way or another at the site.

The total cost of the study, to be split, is \$20,000.

At a brief meeting with county councillors on Wednesday, architects presented preliminary drawings of a building whose main floor would occupy approximately 10,000 square feet of space on the portion of the property that is already cleared.

The concept was a split-storey building, with the second floor containing approximately 4,000 square feet of meeting and office space.

It became obvious there'd been some

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It makes for a more efficient operation.

— Pat Kennedy

miscommunication and that architects believed they were in the county simply to meet with staff to talk ideas and they were dismissed by council to do so.

The press was asked to leave.

Kennedy told the paper early this week that he and Schell had identified some common ground, including a desire for drive-through bays.

“It makes for a more efficient operation,” Kennedy said.

Kennedy said he expected architects to have something ready for councillors' eyes within the next couple of months.

The municipal government will need funding from upper levels to complete the project.

“We want to be ready when the funding comes,” Kennedy said.



Chad Ingram Staff

Architect Ron Awde, left, talks to Minden Hills fire chief Doug Schell, right, at county offices Jan. 26.

Councillors have talked about retaining the portion of the property that is not used for the base for future development by the county or severing it to sell.

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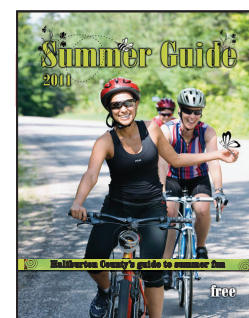
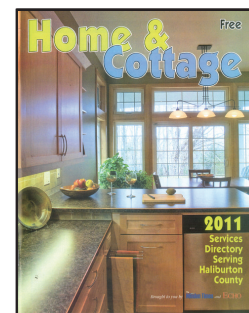
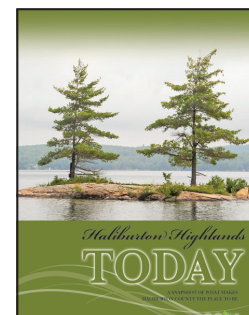
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Reads of the week



Book of the Week:

The Guardian by Andrew Pyper

Trevor, Randy, Ben and Carl grew up together in the small south-western Ontario town of Grimshaw. Twenty-four years later, when Ben commits suicide, the three remaining friends gather once again in their hometown. But going home means returning to haunting memories, and that's not always easy. The three men are forced to confront their recollections of a sinister crime that happened in an abandoned house in their neighbourhood — a crime that has somehow clawed its way into the present, threatening the terrified group until they are forced to confront their eerie past. If you enjoyed Stephen King's short story *The Body*, which inspired the movie *Stand By Me*, then try *The Guardian*, available in print and e-book formats from your library.



In, the third installment in *The Last Survivor* series by Susan Beth Pfeffer. Callaway, a Grade 11 student at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, is an avid reader who has devoured this popular YA series, which was suggested to her by HHSS's teacher-librarian, Michele Shapiera. These novels imagine a world in chaos after a meteor has struck the moon, pushing it closer to

Earth. Catastrophes and post-apocalyptic like events ensue as volcanoes erupt, flooding occurs, and people are left without food, clean water and electricity.

"The books are written in diary format," Callaway explains. "The first book is about a girl in a small town, the second book is about a boy in the city, and in the third book they meet. The story follows how they survive, and the changes they must deal with in the aftermath of the asteroid. There is no sunlight and food is scarce, so they have to scavenge."

"I liked these books because they are so believable," says Callaway. "This kind of disaster could really happen." Callaway also mentions that these were the first books she has read that were related to forensic science. "I want to be

a forensic scientist and these books relate to the forensic field — so I really like them."

News and Events:

Frost Festival Fun at your library! We invite kids to come visit the Bird Cafe at the Dysart branch in Haliburton Village on Saturday, Feb. 18, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be bird feeding crafts, winter bird colouring pictures, fact sheets, bird feed recipes and a scavenger hunt!

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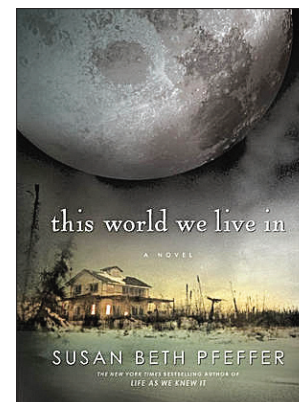
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Junior Book of the Week: Picture Book Title

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Legacy fund launches 'silent' sport workshops

Dahl Forest provides scenic backdrop for seniors' activities

The Haliburton Highlands Land Trust is pleased to announce a series of outdoor events at Dahl Forest for 2012, due to generous funding from the Winterfest Legacy Fund.

In partnership with AO Boatwerks, four silent sport workshops (cross-country, skiing, snowshoeing, cycling and trail walking) for local and visiting seniors (age 55+) will take place throughout the winter to early summer.

The events will educate seniors on proper outdoor sports equipment and health benefits while showcasing the newly signed trails at the Dahl Forest (signage in part made possible by the Winterfest Legacy Fund).

Seniors are welcome to invite friends and family members to join them for these events.

Dahl Forest is a beautiful 500 acre protected reserve open to the public (no hunting or motorized vehicles) with relatively flat trails – perfect for seniors looking to be active in the outdoors.

Snowshoeing

Saturday, Feb. 25

1 to 4 p.m. (Duration three hours)

Dahl Forest, 1307 Geeza Road, Haliburton County

Participants will be introduced to the basic equipment required for snowshoeing, including maintenance and safety.

There will be an opportunity to rent equipment provided by AO Boatwerks (through pre-registration) and to participate in a group snowshoe with local guide Thom Lambert.

An experienced outdoorsman, Thom will be on-hand to provide walking tips, proper equipment use for a variety of outdoors winter surfaces, and pointers for beginners and intermediate snowshoers.

Seniors with their own equipment are also encouraged to come discover the Dahl Forest trails and ask questions of the experts. Contact the land trust to pre-register (mandatory for \$12 snowshoe rental) at 705-454-8107 or admin@haliburtonlandtrust.ca.

Trail Walking

Saturday, June 16

1 to 3 p.m. (Duration two hours)

Dahl Forest, 1307 Geeza Rd., Haliburton County

The Land Trust invites seniors to come out and partic-

ipate in a trail walking clinic at the Dahl Forest with Dr. Norm Bottum of Haliburton.

Healthy pace, breathing techniques, walk durations and proper footwear will be covered.

Cycling

Saturday, July 14

9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. (Duration 2.5 hours)

Dahl Forest, 1307 Geeza Rd., Haliburton County

In partnership with AO Boatwerks and the Haliburton Cycling Coalition, the Land Trust invites seniors and their cycles to come discover the Dahl Forest trails and ask questions of the experts. AO Boatwerks will be on-hand with a basic bike maintenance clinic.

There will then be the opportunity to participate in a group cycle with local guide Sean Pennylegion of the Cycling Coalition. An experienced guide and cyclist, Sean will be on-hand to provide cycling tips, proper cycling approaches for a variety of outdoor surfaces and pointers for beginners and intermediate cyclists. This event is the final part of the Silent Sports for Seniors' outdoor event series at Dahl Forest for 2012, due to generous funding from the Winterfest Legacy Fund.

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Haliburton County news

Plans for Minden water festival continue

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

Minden Hills councillors got an update on a large music festival being planned for the Minden fairgrounds during their meeting last week.

John Teljeur was in council chambers on Jan. 26 to talk about the event, which he called the Minden International Concert for Water.

Bringing in guest speakers and notable musicians, the festival would have an environmental theme and take place at the fairgrounds Aug. 2 through 5.

"In my mind, there's few if any other areas better to present something like this than the County of Haliburton, which has over 600 lakes," Teljeur said.

Teljeur has been in talks with concert promoter Wolfgang

Siebert and said the concert would bring \$500,000 worth of talent to Minden for a show that would have \$1 million worth of staging and production costs.

"The promoter is basically taking on all the risk in this endeavour," he said, adding Siebert's company would be taking out a large insurance policy, as well as providing on-site security, medical assistance, cleaning of the site to the satisfaction of council and power generators.

According to Teljeur, the event should draw 8,000 to 12,000 people in its first year and 20,000 a year after that.

The promoter wants a multi-year agreement from the township, running until 2016.

"The promoter is prepared to pay [the township] \$2 per ticket sold in the first year," he said, explaining that amount would rise to \$3 the year following and \$4 the year following that. "They're not asking anything from our community as far as money goes."

In a previous visit to council, Teljeur had said that find-

ing a nearby property owner willing to provide space for camping was an issue.

Councillor Brigitte Gall wondered if this was still the case.

Teljeur said he'd developed a "gentleman's agreement" with a nearby landowner. "We just need to get the paperwork done."

While Teljeur had hoped the Ontario Trillium Foundation might come through with some grant money for upgrades to the fairgrounds, Reeve Barb Reid said the organization has said the project does not meet its guidelines.

Reid said the township would seek legal advice on the signing of a multi-year contract and that it was likely something council could consider, so long as an exit clause was included.

Council expects to look at an agreement in either February or March.

Places for People eyes second site for affordable housing

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

Places for People is hoping to locate its next project in Minden. The non-profit, affordable housing corporation is interested in turning a building on Bobcaygeon Rd. into a duplex for low-income families.

President Fay Martin visited Minden Hills councillors at their Jan. 26 meeting to discuss the possibility.

"We've located a property in Minden we think would be very suitable," Martin said.

The building is located at 186 Bobcaygeon Road, between Molly's Bistro Bakery and the Minden Lions Hall.

Places for People would like to renovate it to contain two, 1,000-square-foot, three-bedroom apartments.

While it is currently zoned commercial, Martin said it was her understanding it's been used for residential purposes throughout its lifetime.

The project would require a zoning change from C4 commercial to R2 residential, as well as a variance.

Township bylaws dictate that a minimum of 10,000 square feet of property is required to house such a project.

The property is approximately 8,000 square feet.

Martin was also hoping if her organization was to go ahead with the project, the township would waive the associated development fees, since the organization would be doing something for the community.

Reeve Barb Reid suggested that the item be referred to staff to investigate the possibility of a zoning change and variance, any opportunity for the township to expedite the process and the possibility of financial relief with regard to fees.

Council expects to discuss the issue further at their February committee-of-the-whole meeting.

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APPLICATIONS:

1. Lands of Compton:
 - Purpose and Effect: the proposed by-law will change the zone on the subject lands to permit their use for waterfront residential purposes. Site specific zone provisions are included to recognize the lot frontage, the location of the existing cottage and to require the new leaching bed to be located 65 metres from the high water mark of Kawagama Lake.
 - Zone change from "WR4L" to "WR3L-xx".
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 - Location: Part Lot 13, Concession 9, Part 4, Plan 19R-2920, Township of Dysart (Industrial Park Road and Mallard Road).

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FURTHER INFORMATION: including the draft by-law is available from the Planning Department at the Municipality Office during regular office hours (8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday) or by phoning 705-457-1740.

Dated at the Township of Dysart, this 7th day of February, 2012.

Patricia Martin, B.E.S., MCIP, RPP
Director of Planning and Development



Left, Sandra Bramham snapped this picture at Greenmantle Farm of the squirrel having a snack. Below, Bramham also captured the squirrel from afar.



Wildlife in your backyard

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"Rails End Gallery and Arts Centre is a public art gallery located in Haliburton's historic railway station. In 1980, a group of committed artists and arts-minded individuals were granted use of the decommissioned station by the township. The Gallery is the steward of this grand old building, which now houses two exhibition spaces and a gallery shop. The 1878 structure retains its original look from the outside, and many inside features such as the original ticket window and 'wire from here' sign remain..." begins the Rails End profile on the Great Places in Canada website. Even if you know quite a bit about Dysart's public art gallery you will, no doubt, find the details enlightening and inspiring. Inside, and out, Rails End is a cultural hub as the pictures and stories illustrate so

well! A short video by our friends at Highland Media Arts wraps up the entry. So go ahead, add your voice to this national recognition program. Vote now and tell everyone you know to participate. The most popular places will be featured on the Great Places in Canada website and be eligible for national recognition by a panel of judges from the Canadian Institute of Planners.

Great Places in Canada is a competition being sponsored by the Canadian Institute of Planners (CIP) as a way to recognize to join with all Canadians in a celebration of the great places we are fortunate to share in Canada. What a great idea!

- submitted by Rails End Gallery



Final Rail Trail Workshop to Evaluate Options

Interested member of the public are invited to participate in this final workshop on the Rail Trail to express their level of support for a variety of options that have come forward throughout the community engagement process.

The workshop will be held on **Thursday, February 9th from 6:30-9:30 pm** at the Minden Community Centre.

There will also be a final survey accessible on-line around the same date at www.surveymonkey.com/s/RT-evaluating-options.

Click on the Rail Trail tab of the County's website for more information about the on-going community engagement strategy for the Trail.
<http://www.haliburtoncounty.ca/>

Workshop takes the mystery out of photography

➤ Morning session covers shutter speed, ISO, aperture, while afternoon addresses file types

Learn how to get the best from your camera through this informal yet informative basic photography class.

In the morning participants will work with photojournalist Darren Lum who will take the mystery out of aperture, shutter speed and ISO (film speed) while teaching creative techniques to improve your composition.

Become familiar with the technical aspects of the operation of your digital camera, understand the menus inside the camera and how to use the settings effectively.

In the afternoon participants will work with media arts person Tammy Rea who will unravel the mystery behind file types, how to use digital files in applications and other computer to camera technical functions.

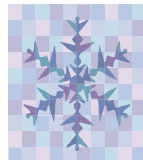
You will need a digital camera and your camera manual.

If you have a laptop computer this will also be handy to bring.

Please bring three photos (or images on CD) you like a lot and have taken. Be prepared with appropriate clothing to take photos for evaluation and feedback during the morning session.

The class is on Feb.11 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and cost \$25 per person. Call the Agnes Jamieson Gallery in Minden at 705-286-3763 to register or for more information.

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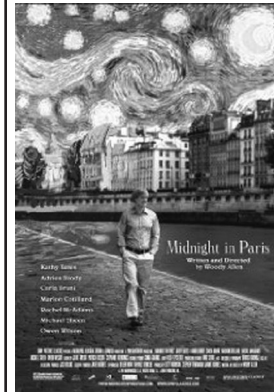
Coming Events



HALIBURTON MOVIE NIGHTS

Thursday, Feb 9/12:

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Coming next... Thursday, March 8/12:

MONSIEUR LAZAR (Oscar nominee)

2 shows – 4:15 & 7:15 - Tickets \$8.00 at the door
Northern Light Pavilion, Haliburton High School

More info: www.haliburton-movies.com

community calendar

What's happening in the County

Post your event for free on the web. Go to: www.mindentimes.ca or

to the **UR** Haliburton Highlands Community Calendar link at: www.haliburtonecho.ca



Youth Unlimited is offering an after school program, at A.S.E.S starting Jan 31 for grades 6, 7, 8 for 6 weeks, in the school library from 3:30-5:30pm for fun games, activities, talk time & a healthy snacks. Registration forms available at school or online at www.youthunlimitedkaw.com or call 705-854-0401

Jan 15-March 4th The Canadian Association for Disabled Skiing (CADS) will run a low cost Sunday programme for children and adults who have any form of disability, ie. physical, social, visible. Age is no problem. A pre-programme registration is required. Our 2012 programme begins at Sir Sams January 15th at 9:30am. and concluded by 3pm. or when the student shows signs of fatigue. Volunteers with average skiing ability are welcome to participate in the programme. For more information call Terry Maher 705-457-9604

Feb 7, 14, 21, & 28 Yoga at the Library with Linda Shadbolt from 4-5p, in the Howard Roberts Room Admission by donation to the Friends of the Haliburton County Public Library

Feb 8: The Haliburton Highlands Quilt Guild will meet at 1 pm at Stanhope Community Centre. Jan Anderson, an Osteopath, will instruct on how to prevent and treat chronic and acute injuries as they apply to sewing and quilting. Bring running shoes, comfortable clothes, a pen & paper and participate. Call Pat Stiver at (705) 489-3751 for information.

Feb 11: Lochlin community Centre Spaghetti Dinner served with meat sauce, salad, roll and dessert. Adults \$10 Children 12 & under \$6 Children 4 and under FREE. For reservations call Leitha @ 705-286-1398 or Helen 705-286-6087 Seatings available for 4:30 or 5:45

Feb 11: Tall Pines Snowmobile Club Poker Rally for more information visit www.tallpines.org

Feb 18: Come one! Come all! Musical Variety concert at the Maple Lake United Church. 7p.m. All Welcome! Local talent! Good-will offering. Refreshments available!

• **Haliburton Highlands Hand Weavers & Spinners Guild** meet at the Zion United Church, Carnarvon on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 1:30pm For more information call Marian Gillanders at 705-489-3574

• **TOASTMASTERS** meet at the Minden United Church Wednesdays at 7pm Everyone Welcome ages 18 – 80. What is TOASTMASTERS? Visit www.toastmasters.org

• **Royal Canadian Legion Minden Branch 636** will be hosting a musical performance by The Kellett Family on Saturday, March 3 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.. The afternoon includes 'Open Mic' time for anyone that want to take the stage and there will be meat draws with tickets purchased at the event. The public is invited to join us at the intersection of Hwy #35 and County Road #21.

• **The Royal Canadian Legion Minden Branch 636** is looking for volunteers to help out in the branch kitchen. If you can spare a few hours each week to help the Legion continue their support to the community and the membership please call the branch at 705-286-4541. It will be much appreciated.

• **SCENE/SEEN** in Haliburton: Rails End Gallery Members' Salon Exhibition Enjoy the "Haliburton scene" and check out this group exhibition in the salon style. Cast your vote for the Peoples Choice Award and see work by over 50 talented local artists in a wide range of media. Gallery hours Wed – Sat 11-5 23 York St. Haliburton Village www.railsendgallery.com 457 2330

• **Help to Preserve our History** with a veterans museum Wanted: British, Canadian or German WWI and WWII items Uniforms, helmets and caps and metals, photographs, shells and weapons Please do not donate money. Items broken or in part are welcome. Contact Martin Hofland at 705-457-2382

Events listings are provided **FREE for non-profit groups on a space-available basis**. While we endeavour to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be emailed to jmceathron@mentimes.ca or brought in to the office.

Please submit events by the Wednesday prior to the requested publication date.

NOTE: This calendar is not a comprehensive listing of all events taking place in the area. Please check the classified pages, display advertising and articles appearing elsewhere in the Echo for more information on events in the Highlands. For more Ongoing Community Events please see the Weekender.

Residents will be fondly remembered

Wilberforce

Hilda Clark

448-2018

"Miss me, but let me go." Two people from this area are greatly missed, sadly mourned, difficult to let go of but so well remembered. Harvey William Somerville a resident of Essonville for much of his life and Elsie Clarissa (Chaffe) Lewis, a resident of Wilberforce died late last week. Both were in their 86th year.

Harvey Somerville who grew up in Essonville died peacefully at Extencicare in Haliburton on Friday Jan. 27. Harvey and his wife Irene moved back home from Peterborough to work and raise their family. For a number of years he worked in the roads department with the former municipality of Monmouth. Some farming part time allowed him the joy of working with animals especially horses. Many enjoyed fresh eggs provided by Harvey and Irene.

Sympathy is extended to Irene, to their family Marlene (Lenard Woodcox), Diana (Ken Knibbs), and Deborah Challacombe (Mark Kenesky), grandchildren Brandie, Jason, Shane and Tiffany, their six great grandchildren and brother Casey (Eileen).

Harvey was predeceased by his parents Ralph and Annis (Hughey) Somerville, brothers Eddie and Stanley, sisters

Charlotte and Nellie Strong and granddaughter Ame.

A funeral service led by Wayne Rutter of the Wilberforce Full Gospel Church was held at the Haliburton Community Funeral Home on Monday, Jan. 30. Spring interment will be at the Essonville Cemetery. Rest in peace good cousin.

Elsie (Chaffe) Lewis died suddenly at the Ross Memorial Hospital in Lindsay on Friday, Jan. 27. Elsie was a good friend to many. She was well known and highly valued as a musician who willingly shared her creative talents. She was the organist at St. Margaret's Anglican Church for over two decades that she resided in Wilberforce and played her last service the Sunday before her sudden passing. She had been an organist and choir leader previously in Thorold/St. Catherines churches. Elsie had a great sense of occasion and always selected appropriate music.

Elsie loved to play the organ and piano and frequently accepted invitations to the Catholic Church in Highland Grove and at the United Church here and in Gooderham. The old pump organ at the historic Essonville Church often rang out at the touch of her hands. An accomplished accompanist she with Marg Jeske led *The Gentlemen Of Song* entertaining audiences for over 10 years.

Not only could this talented woman read and play complex music she could also play by ear. Just sing or hum a line of an old favourite and Elsie would play it for a sing-a-long.

Though music was her forte, Elsie was an avid games player. A keen hand at Scrabble and Euchre she loved to compete. She along with some friends from the Wilberforce Legion were winners in a cribbage tournament in Havelock on the Saturday before her untimely passing.

Her good speaking voice, her deep faith and her ability for story writing stood her in good stead in Loop Troupe productions, in preaching sermons, in writing inspirational notes to friends and her delightful unpublished children's stories.

Sympathy is extended to her family, Ken (Laurie, Robert (Sheila), Larry (Penny), her grandchildren and great grandchildren and to her many friends, with or without the red hats. She was predeceased by her daughter Wendi.

After a time of visitation a funeral service led by the Rev Canon Anne Moore was held at St. Margaret's Anglican Church on Thursday, Feb. 2. It was followed by a reception at the LWMC.

Elsie added so much colour to the fabric of life in this community. Her loving nature, her car adventures, her cooking/baking/preserving/gardening ventures, her eye for beauty and a bargain at yard sales are already legend. Her love of flowers, especially the wild daisies and of the late Patches and the saving of young Miss Kitty gave her joy in these last seasons. Elsie will long be remembered by those she touched with her music, her concern for others and her generous spirit. We miss her so much already.

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Volunteers needed for Canada Day

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Eleanor Cooper

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Congratulations to Tristen Cook and Avis Reynolds on the birth of their new baby boy, Bentley Boone, weighing in at seven pounds, five ounces on Jan. 24. Proud first-time grandparents are Allan and Heidi Cook and Louie and Lori Reynolds.

Sincere sympathy is extended to Glen Sawyer on the death of his brother, Wayne, in January of this year. A memorial service is planned in Oakville later on.

Here's a challenge for you or an invitation to volunteer. Someone is needed to gear up the planning of Canada Day. The Sisson girls, Sara Burtch and Tanya are unable to carry out the task this year. However, Tanya has kept a clear record

of who to call, when and what's to be done. No volunteers say no. Everyone realizes how important it is to say yes. For example, I am called upon to call a list of people for pies. Nothing hard about that. You may be called to judge the Pine Lake swim or the boat races.

Someone is needed at the hotdog/hamburger stand. If you are able to read and can use a phone, you could be the planner we're looking for.

July 1 is Tanya's birthday, so please relieve her mind about this. Her number is 705-457-6959 or call Carol Stamp at 705-754-2168.

Volunteers will be asked to assume only one task, but what is essential is the first volunteer to get the process started. Thank you for your kind attention to this project. On Jan. 31 Euchre high scores were Ron Bain and Peter Laplante. Low scores were Norma Geddes and Ray Sisson and Perry Morrison and Myra Marshall achieved the most lone hands.

Ken McFarlane Ice Fishing Derby on Feb. 25



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Weekly Events Feb. 6 to Feb. 12

Monday Bid Euchre 7 p.m.

Tuesday Executive Meeting 7 p.m.

Wednesday Darts 7:30 p.m.

Friday Pool 1:30 p.m.

Jam Session 7 p.m.

Everyone welcome to play and listen to great music.

Saturday Meat Draw 2 p.m.

Valentine's Dance - 9 p.m. to close,

details below.

Sunday L.A. Breakfast - 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Everyone welcome.

Recent Events - The Pat and Phyllis Gallen Ice Fishing

Derby held last Saturday Jan. 28 and was well attended. The first place winner was Dan Roberts with a 5.511 pound fish caught on Farquhar.

Second place - Lynda Coles - 4.092 pound fish - Farquhar. Third place - Galen Boweman - 3.388 pound - Grace. Fourth place - Glenn Legassick - 3.036 pound - Miskwabi. Fifth place - Mike Hughes - 2.838 pound - Farquhar. The balance of twenty winners selected their prizes from the prize table. A good time was had by all!

Upcoming Events

Saturday, Feb. 11 - Valentine's Dance - 9 p.m. to close - DJ Pat Casselman. Spot prizes. Everyone welcome. Come join the fun.

Saturday, Feb. 25 - Ken McFarlane Ice Fishing Derby - Register at the Legion before close on Feb. 24 or at the Fish's Lunch Box before 10 a.m. on Feb. 25. Cost is \$15 per entrant - one fish per entry - weigh in time 3 to 6 p.m. at the Legion. Lakes - Farquhar, Wilberforce, Miskwabi, Esson and Grace. MNR rules apply. Come and have a fun day fishing. You could be the winner. Cash prizes.

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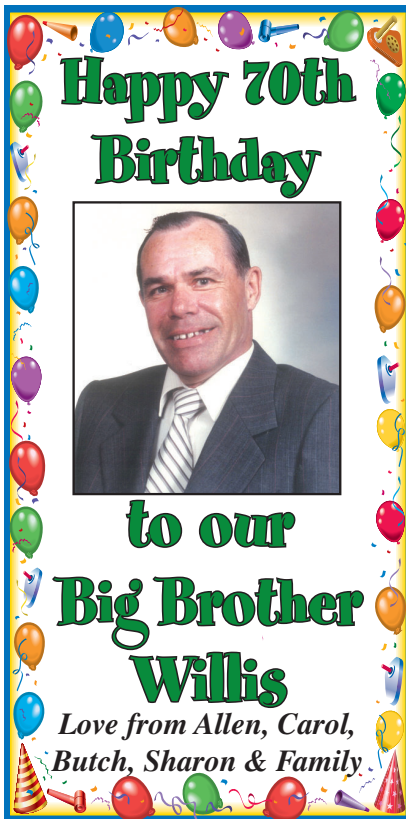
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Our Father claims His own.
Beyond the gate, our loved ones
Find happiness and rest,
And there is comfort in the thought
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8 years have passed
Sometimes the tears fall
But we have sweet memories
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All our love, Barbara & Anne

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As years roll on and days pass by.
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Of the ones we love and will never forget.*

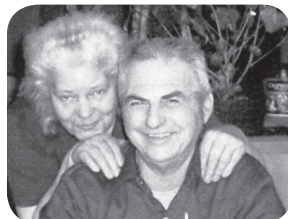
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Three million times I've
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My tears & love are like a river that
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Loving wife Forever, Susan

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In loving memory of a dear husband
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road
Through which each one must go alone:
And there is a light we can not see
Our Father claims his own,
Beyond the gate, our loved ones
find happiness and rest,
And there is comfort in the thought
that a loving God knows best.
Always loved and never forgotten
~Your wife Mary McNeil

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Within my heart I always keep
A special place for you
And try to do my best to live
As you would want me to
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In my memory you are near
Loved, remembered for always
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~Your daughter Wanda-Lee McNeil

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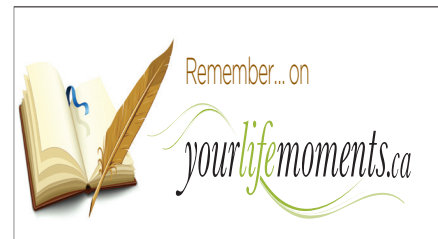
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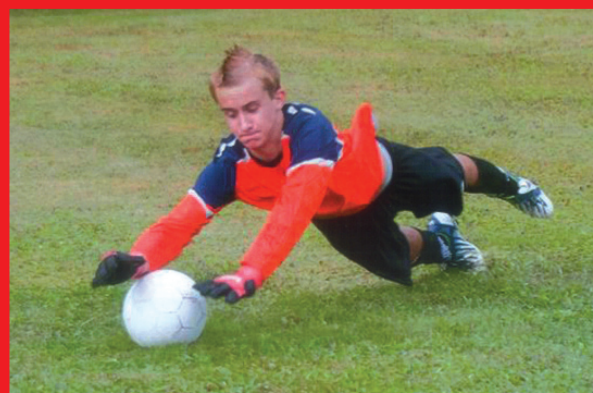
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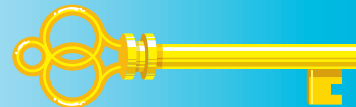
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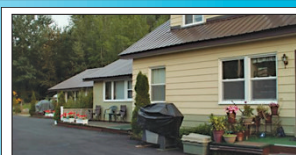
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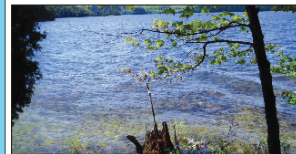
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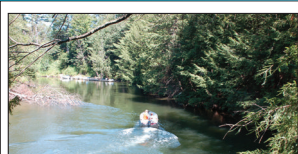
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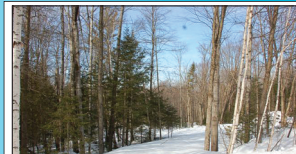
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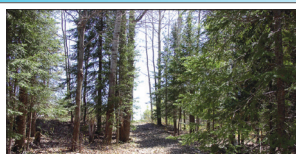


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